

VOCALISTS







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MUSIC DIRECTOR

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Alan Chan

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節目表 • PROGRAM

Kowloon, Hong Kong 上海灘 ● The Bund

The Reynettes

顧家輝/黃霑

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心債 ● A Debt from the Heart

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沉默是金 (港) ● Silence Is Gold 海海人生 (台) ● The Breath of Life

張國榮/許冠傑/娃娃

Leslie Cheung / Sam Hui / Wawa

Alice Ko & Lin-Lin Chang

胭脂扣 • Rouge

黎小田/ 鄧景生

Michael Lai / Edward Tang

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追 ◆ A Chase

李迪文 / 林夕

Dick Lee / Albert Leung

Paul Kwo

- 電影節對談 • Hong Kong On Screen Film Festival, a Dialogue -

La vie en Rose

女人花 ● A Girl Like Flower

Louiguy / Édith Piaf

陳耀川 / 李安修

Antonio Chen / Preston Lee

Lin-Lin Chang

我 ● I am

張國榮 / 林夕

Leslie Cheung / Albert Leung Jerry Herman / Joel Diamond

I Am What I Am

Paul Kwo & Ben Thomas



Born and raised in Hong Kong, **Alan Chan** recently received the 2023 OPERA America's IDEA Grant, to develop his first opera *Immortal Labia*. He was the winner of the first ASCAP George Duke Commissioning Prize (2015) and ArtEZ Jazz Composition Contest (the Netherlands, 2011), and has also received awards and fellowships from Ucross Foundation, Konstnärsnämnden (Sweden) and Percussive Arts Society, among others.

For more than a decade, he has been focused on creating unique music for his 17-piece Alan Chan Jazz Orchestra (ACJO). Their first "Shrimp Tale" album in 2014 garnered rave reviews and radio plays across the U.S. Two experimental work-in-progress for Chinese instrument and jazz orchestra explore the possibility of merging jazz, improvisation and traditional Chinese music, which resulted in the "Moon Walk" project, featuring pipa virtuoso Min Xia-Fen, and the "Camel Walk" project, featuring suona virtuoso Guo Yazhi. https://alanchanjazzorchestra.com

Alice Ko was born in Hong Kong and grew up listening to Cantopop, among other genres of music. At a young age, she was performing on stage singing and acting with her school choir and playing the electric organ. When she was seven, she was interviewed by a popular children's TV program in Hong Kong representing the Yamaha School of Music. After moving to America, she quit singing because there wasn't a choir in her school though she did continue with her piano studies. It wasn't until she graduated from college that she discovered singing again. Alice has since performed with Opera San Jose, Lamplighters Music Theatre, and San Francisco Symphony Chorus among other professional groups. She currently serves as Soprano Soloist at Bel Air Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles.

Ben Thomas likes to make music, all the time – it's almost like a curse (for others nearby as well) – he's a tapper, a brusher, and a banger. But when he's not doing improv percussion parkour, he's playing and singing actual music – and usually entertaining the audiences in those moments.

As a multi-instrumentalist Ben has performed in all sorts of groups and environments - like when he played a didgeridoo and duck call in the live theatrical musical, The Ohmies, that taught yoga to kids. He played congas, bongos, slide whistle and sang backgrounds for thousands of Neo-soulphytes with the international pop star Aloe Blacc. And for a long time, he sang the hell out of a ton of Frank Zappa songs, as well as played trumpet, trombone, guitar, tambourine, and an occasional castanet with Dweezil Zappa and Zappa Plays Zappa. He still performs those brilliant works with a new reunion band of ZPZ alum called One Shot Deal.

LC Powell is a multi Grammy® and Emmy® winning creative with work spanning two decades of film, television, recording, and stage, perhaps best known for their extensive vocal arranging and performanceon Disney's Phineas and Ferb.Mx. Powell serves as music director and contractor for clients including Netflix, HBO Max, Amazon, Dreamworks, Cartoon Network, Disney and more. Passionate abouthumanitarianism and education, LC volunteers on numerous SAG-AFTRA committees and on the Board of Directors for the American Society of Music Arrangers and Composers (ASMAC.org). She enjoys herperformances as a solo artist with symphony orchestras around the world, having alsoopened for TonyBennett, Josh Groban, Lyle Lovett, Bob Newhart, Howie Mandel, and vocal directed, contracted andarranged for Michael Bublésince 2015.

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Soprano **Dr. Lin-Lin Chang** received her Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) degree at the University of Miami, under the direction of Dr. David Alt (Chairman of Vocal Program and Musical Theatre for more than 10 years) and was inspired by a wide range of vocal styles. Dr. Chang sang with the Florida Grand Opera and worked as a leading soprano in the First Christian Church during her Miami residency. Today, she is both an active singer and professor at universities in Taiwan. Base on her strong passion to vocal arts, Dr. Chang started to explore a crossover style named "Recital Theatre", which incorporates the Western theatrical concept of "one-man show," and *bel canto* singing. Her works include the "Desire & Human" trilogy (2015, 2016 & 2020). She is the founder and the current Artistic Director in Lin-Lin Chang Bel Canto Theatre since 2007. Her latest book, *Sing for you—A Probe of Bel Canto* was published by Taiwan Wu-Nan Book Inc. in January 2023.

Paul Kwo is an actor, singer-songwriter, entrepreneur, and educator. He has a solo voice album When the Stars are Out, and 7 other albums. He has performed with acclaimed cellist Yo-Yo Ma, international pop singer Wei Wei, and his original compositions has won numerous awards and featured in films. He's acting credit includes his most notable role Martin Yip in the God's Not Dead franchise. He has also worked as a voice actor in the 2023 Oscar best picture Everything Everywhere All At Once, and other projects such as Shang-Chi, Turning Red, American Born Chinese, Brother Sun, and more. He also voice direct commercials for iw Group. Paul owns PopRock Academy in Temple city and educates new actors, dancers and musicians. His students has worked on Squid Game, and other projects by Pixar, Netflix, Nickelodeon, Disney, ABC, and more. He is also the current President of the San Gabriel Educational Foundation.

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